

Testimony of Mason L. Clark
D.C. City Council
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Good afternoon Dear Councilpersons. First, it is an honor and a privilege to speak to you for such an important cause. However, it is very frustrating to me, to sit here and hear and see so many people ignoring and misrepresenting facts.

As a retired DCPS teacher, founder and Athletic Director of Woodridge Warriors Youth Organization for 43 years, father of five and 46-years DC tax-paying resident; I ask you to approve the lease agreement with MLB? I feel very certain that nearly every one who know me personally; as church member/worker, family man or a volunteer community youth worker; that I have and will continue to give my life to youths of our GREAT CITY. Your honors, it is in this arena that I ask each of you to VOTE YES?

In this capitalistic society of ours, you must invest money to make money. This lease agreement will cost D.C. a lots of Money; but it will also increase our Tax Base greatly. This one investment will return to D.C. Treasure many times more than the investment.

We all wished for a better deal; but this is to great of a chance to improve services in D.C. for us to pass up. If we aim to be a Top Notch City, we urgently need a MLB Team here again. I ask you to accept the lease; do what is Best for DC 30 or more years from now, not what might be more popular in the 2006 elections.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify for a very worthy cause. I'll be delighted to answer any questions any of you wish to ask.